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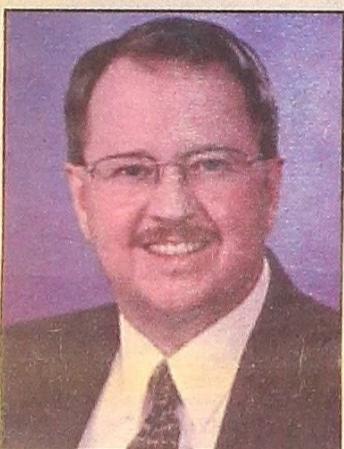
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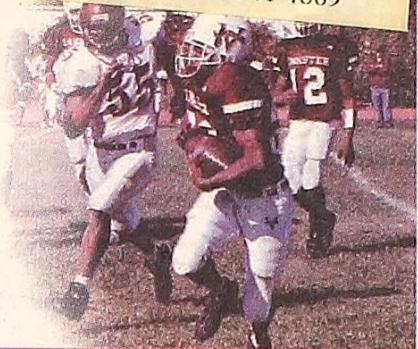
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News you can use, news you can trust

Casinos one step closer to reality

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Information that a deal has been struck with a casino operator for a parcel of land in Romulus is expected to come at 10 a.m. today in a press conference at the Vining Road site where a gaming facility may be built.

Mayor Alan Lambert couldn't elaborate on the details of the deal except to say that it means the city is a step closer to having a casino.

"I can't really say too much about it right now, it will be clearer on Thursday," he said. "And it's going to be a very good thing for the City of Romulus."

Speculation in the city is that the Hannahville Indian Tribe or

the Grand Traverse Band has been able to obtain the necessary state approvals, clearing the way for final federal approval. Romulus City Council members voted 6-1 to offer a resolution of support to the Hannahville group in September. At the time, Economic Development Director Tim Keyes said the Hannahville group seemed to be more interested in Romulus than others officials had talked to.

The city has offered resolutions of support to the Grand Traverse Band and Sioux Indians as well. The Sioux Indians, because of a lawsuit the tribe filed against the state about 10 years ago, were granted approval to build a casino in Romulus, Flint or Monroe if they could obtain federal support for the project.

Gaming in Romulus has been long debated, and the city has jumped through several hoops to get potential projects moving.

Once a casino operator receives state and federal approvals, the city and the operator will then come to the table to iron out a deal designed to provide revenue for the city. The operator must also submit site plans for approval and apply for necessary permits like any other business, Lambert said.

"They will go to planning commission, then the council, like anyone else," he said.

The city had a meeting with the Grand Traverse leaders this summer to discuss how much in taxes the city would take from casino profit. Because property taxes are not required for reserva-

tion land, tribes and municipalities usually negotiate a separate agreement to create a new revenue stream.

These revenue streams are expected to be a windfall for Romulus, bringing in as much as \$10 million per year and are touted as a savior in difficult budget times. Those funds will be used to spur growth in the city and to defray high property taxes levied by Romulus Community Schools, said Lambert.

"One of our goals with a casino is to give taxpayers a break," he said.

Property tax breaks – and jobs – are the reasons officials believe the "racino" bill was approved by a 2-1 margin in December 2003. If one casino builds in Romulus, it is likely to bring about 1,000 jobs.

Lawmaker to be honored

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Congressman John Dingell (District 16) will accept an award for his achievements in government next month at the "Ability is Ageless" luncheon.

Dingell – now third longest-serving member of Congress in the history of the United States – will be honored at a ceremony at noon on Nov. 10 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn. The event will be emceed by WDIV-Channel 4 anchor Carmen Harlan.

The Ability is Ageless event is organized by Operation ABLE, a Detroit-based non-profit group that recognizes the contributions of seniors in the workplace.

"This celebration is an opportunity for employers to honor older workers who make a daily difference at their companies through their experience, work ethic and commitment," said Karen Kosiewski, the president of Operation ABLE. "(Dingell's) many accomplishments throughout his 50-years of public service are remarkable."

Dingell will receive the Neal Shine Lifetime Achievement Award, which is named after the now-retired publisher of the Detroit Free Press.

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Construction workers take apart an overhang that once kept the rain off people entering and exiting the Davey Terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport. Monday was the first day of demolition for the 39-year-old terminal.

Historic Davey airport terminal leveled

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Airport officials and city residents gathered to share fond memories of the 39-year-old Davey Terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport Monday at a ceremony to commemorate the facility before demolition began.

Michael Conway, the spokesman for the airport, said the terminal has served flyers well, but that what will replace it will allow for more carriers and better service.

"When it was constructed in 1966, the Davey Terminal was the largest pretensioned concrete structure in the world," he said. "It was state-of-the art in its time. It's actually an

architecturally significant facility that laid the groundwork for what was to come at the airport. It really brought the jet age into Detroit because it could accommodate carriers that had previously worked with City Airport and Willow Run because of its long runways."

Constructed to accommodate Northwest Airlines and a few other carriers under the leadership of J.M. Davey – then the manager of the airport – the Davey Terminal represented the latest in technology and convenience at that time. Its construction marked the airport transition from a relatively small operation to the 10th busiest airport in the country, said Conway. But – after years

of construction and additions – the facility was just too difficult to navigate for flyers.

"I think there are only a few people who will miss the terminal because of what's happened over the years," he said. "When it was built, there were only 5 million people coming into the airport each year. When it closed in 2002, there were about 35 million people using the airport, and it was difficult to accommodate them all."

After the ceremony Monday, about six contractors, under the guidance of Adamo Demolition, began taking down the structure. Conway said it would cost about \$5 mil-

Utility rate increases affect community budgets

Andrea King
Staff Writer

With the expected rate of natural gas prices on the rise, people may want to turn to their old Boy and Girl Scouts method of fire by friction to keep warm this winter.

According to the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC), residential natural gas customers in Michigan this year can expect monthly heating bills to average 46 percent above those of last winter. The natural gas prices are expected to average \$12.30 per

Mcf during the winter months this year compared to \$8.42 last winter because of both the lingering effects of Hurricane Ivan last year and Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita last month.

And area municipalities and schools aren't feeling the warmth either, which leaves them looking for different cost saving methods and ways to work the changes into their budgets.

"It's definitely going to be a challenge," said Cindy King, supervisor in Van Buren Township.

Going through the current budget process, King said the township will have to adjust the utilities budget to anticipate the significant increase. The building and grounds, fire department and parks and recreation budgets could see all see an increase.

In Canton Township, the 2006 budget was approved with substantial increases in utilities for the 25 township buildings including the facilities maintenance budget of \$400,000 set aside for gas and electric, the leisure services department budget, which operates the Village Theater and will cost \$128,000 in utilities next year; and the Summit on the Park budget of \$350,000.

"Obviously the rising costs have impacted our budget," said Ann Conklin, director of leisure services in Canton. "We budgeted based on 2004 with some anticipated increases, but nothing like we're seeing now. We had to go and ask the board for some additional dollars for this year."

"We had heard the stories ourselves so in putting together our 2006 budget, one of the things we did was put an increased amount in for our utilities, which cover gas and electric and so forth," said Dan Durack, director of administrative and community services department in Canton.

But in cash-strapped cities like Belleville, where the budget is already overextended, officials can't prepare for an increase of this magnitude.

"Of course we're not prepared for this in the budget. Who would project an increase this big," said City Manager Steve Walters. "It's difficult because our current budget was cut as close as we could."

Area school districts are just as concerned with the forthcoming increases. Pete Foster, manager of plant operations for the Van Buren Public School District, said like any concerned entity, they're always looking at areas to reduce costs.

"We're all concerned as a community at the costs of living so when it translates to the education of the students that concern gets extended and enforces the belief that we all have to work together," he said. "The increase in costs will continue so all we

can do is continue to decrease usage."

That's even factoring in the 35 percent reduction in consumption for the school district.

"Our primary focus is that the students are comfortable in the environment, but there are ways to save money. We are constantly adjusting," said Foster.

In the Northville Public School District, the concern is no different.

"We are clearly watching the entire utilities issue—not only natural gas, but gasoline for our school buses, electricity and water," said Leonard Rezmierski, superintendent of the Northville Public School District.

He said that the district has received information from its utility providers that suggested that costs are expected to increase across the board. In response,

the district has developed a preliminary budget amendment designed to cover the cost of the anticipated 50-70 percent increase in utility costs, which is expected to go before the Northville Board of Education next month for approval.

However there is some comforting news for area school districts and municipalities; Michigan customers are still paying less in heating bills than other parts of the Midwest and the country, according to the MPSC winter energy report.

Even so, each community has their own ways to save money and energy:

"As part of our expansion and remodeling, we've put in some energy management systems where the heat and air conditioning are run by a central computer that can be adjusted by time, date and needs of a certain building and floor," said Durack, who has overseen facility spending in these areas for the last 10 years. "It helps to make sure certain areas aren't getting wasted. We've had it partially in the past, but this will be the first winter we've had it in this building."

"Trying to keep things properly maintained, doing ongoing maintenance, programming the thermostats and keeping the lights off when a room is not in use are some of our cost saving methods," said King.

"We set back the temperatures at night and cut back on outside lighting, too," said Foster. "We rely greatly on the staff who have ownership in this issue—the teachers, administration and custodians. We're also looking at upgrading our energy management system, too."

"Basically when you're here and open for business you have to make the place comfortable," said Durack. "You can't be shutting it down to nothing and making people wear long underwear and thermal jackets. The price we don't control, but we can control our usage and our ability."

Every district did add that as the heating costs continue to soar, so will their close watch on the matter.

"Certainly with the Hurricane Katrina and the advertised effects of what that's going to mean to the natural gas supplies, everybody I know is aware of it and is making preparations to react to it," said Durack. "Like everything else, it never seems to go down. Some years there's less of an increase than others. But you keep track of it and you keep an eye on it."

Meghan Chatham and Kevin Hill contributed to this story.

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Mayor touts balanced budget, tax relief for 2nd term

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Mayor Alan Lambert says he hopes voters will recognize his accomplishments when they go to the polls Nov. 8 and return him to office for a second term.

"I've wanted to be a public servant in this community for my entire life," he said. "I think we've moved this city farther ahead in the past few years than in the past several years. I'm proud of what I've been able to do here with my staff. But there's still so many things to do."

Lambert, who is finishing up his first term in office, is a lifelong resident of Romulus. But more than living in the city, he said he has always sought to try to make things better as a councilman, a school board member and a police officer.

"I have always seen things that I thought I could change if I had the chance," he said. "We've taken an aggressive approach to the city's problems, and we've gotten results."

In four years as mayor, Lambert has balanced four con-

spective budgets – a feat he said was possible because of sound fiscal management.

"I told (my staff) that if they didn't really need it, don't buy it," he said. "It worked, even if the difficult budget times we find ourselves in. And we didn't cut any services or jobs."

Lambert has made a priority of changing the image of Romulus. That, he said, was achieved by creating an environment conducive to luring new development, tearing down blighted structures, and improving services.

"Development was a big issue for us," he said. "There was an old joke that you couldn't even buy a pair of socks in Romulus. But we've been working hard to bring development in the city. We have new strip malls, Family Dollar on Wayne Road, a grocery store downtown. We're currently working with a major grocery store chain to come to the city – an ideal situation would mean a grocery store on each side of the city so residents don't have to leave (the city)."

Increased home development

is something Lambert counts as a major accomplishment.

"There are likely about 2,000 new homes either under development or built (in the last four years)," he said. "It was extremely important that we created more rooftops – it builds our tax base, and creates density. We were going out to retailers, and they were telling us we needed more residents. We're getting those."

Lambert says tearing down structures was also a goal. Project Fresh Start – where blighted homes and businesses that are beyond redemption are torn down – has removed 120 structures.

Emergency services and recreation have also improved under Lambert's watch, he said. The fire force was converted from an all-volunteer department to a paid, full time department to ensure public safety, Lambert said. Also, ground was broken for the first ever city recreation facility two weeks ago. Lambert said many officials didn't think the project could be one.

"We looked at this, and in

many ways we couldn't afford this," he said. "Taxes were already high. But we found a way to use TIFA (Tax Increment Finance Authority) funds, and it will not cost taxpayers a dime. We're really proud of that."

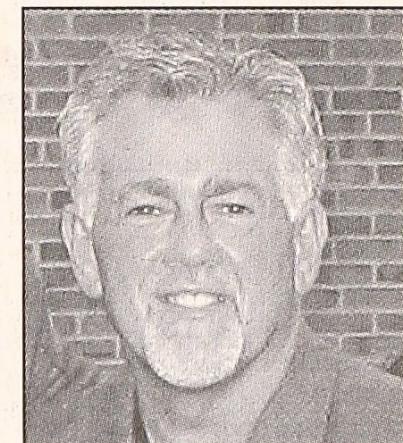
Lambert's career in the city began when he was the youngest person elected to the city council in the early 1980s. He served for several years when he was working at the GM Romulus Engine Plant. He took classes to become a police officer in Romulus, where he served for the next 14 years.

He said one thing that sets him apart from his competition is his experience.

"As a council member, a school board member and a police officer, I feel that I have seen the city in different ways," he said. "I've worked with budgets, I've looked at issues from both sides."

Lambert said that for him, the next four years would be about taxes and jobs, in addition to development.

"We pay really high taxes in the city, and it's mostly because of



Mayor Alan Lambert

the schools," he said. "With the new racetrack and casino, we'll be able to bring down those taxes for residents, and that's huge."

Keeping the line of communication with residents open is also important, Lambert said.

"My staff and I have been in every corner of this city to find out what citizens expect from us, and we've been able to respond to them," he said. "The Town Hall meetings are extremely successful, and it was never done on a regular basis in this city before. I think it's one of the reasons we've been so successful."

Dingell - Represents older workers

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Now 79, Dingell is being honored for his representation of 15th Congressional District residents and his career-long advocacy of universal and affordable health care, environmental protection, and the rights of workers. He is the ranking member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and sits on several other congressional committees.

The 15th District includes Romulus, Inkster, Dearborn Heights, Dearborn and parts of Ann Arbor and Monroe.

"It's a great honor for me to be recognized," Dingell said. "Operation ABLE is a superb organization."

Workers over 65 years old make up a larger portion of the workforce than ever before. In 2002, the last year the government surveyed older workers, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics noted that 4.5 million Americans, or 13.2 percent, of the workforce, were employed or actively seeking work. In 1988, the contingency of workers 65 years or more hovered around 10 percent of the labor force. The number of older workers – and the expertise they bring to the workforce – are expected to decline sharply as baby boomers begin to retire en masse during the next few

years, the study said.

Still, older workers are often not given opportunities afforded to younger workers, and Operation ABLE was created to help older workers tap into available resources and create viable career paths later in life. In 2004, the organization helped 500 older Michiganders obtain work. The organization also helps older workers understand their rights under the state Older Americans Act, which aims to help combat age discrimination.

Nine other workers will be given distinguished service awards during the presentation, Kosiewski said.

Nominations are also being sought for next year. To be eligible, the nominee must be live or work in Michigan. They must be at least 50 years old or have at least 25 years of service to one company. Nomination forms can be obtained by calling (313) 832-0922, or by downloading a form from the organization's web site, www.operationable.org. Tickets can also be purchased over the phone or on the web.

The luncheon is sponsored by the Michigan Department of Community Health, the DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund, SBC-Ameritech, Kelly Services, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan, WDIV-Local 4, and WWJ Newsradio 950.



New facility

Council members participated in a ceremony last week to officially begin construction of the first city recreation facility. Here, council members Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth, Randy Gear, William Crova and Leroy Burcroff help Mayor Alan Lambert (third from left) break ground at the site near Wayne Road. The process of building a recreation facility began this year when the city acquired a vacant building and 11 acres of property that surrounded the facility in March. The city is hoping the new facility will be open for use by mid-2006.

Davey - Fixtures from demolished terminal will be donated to Habitat for Humanity for resale

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lion to demolish the terminal, connector and the hotel.

"We think the demolition will last until about February or March," he said. "Then, the new construction will follow immediately."

What will eventually sit on the property where the Davey Terminal stands is a \$428 million, 700,000 square foot modern glass and steel structure that

will house Northwest, Continental, Spirit and Delta Airlines. The two-story structure will be completed sometime late in 2008, said Conway. The facility will have 26 gates and several shops.

After the North Terminal is finished, the outdated L.C. Smith Terminal, built in 1957, will be demolished, along with the Berry Terminal, which generally handles charter and business flights.

The construction materials

that formed the once bustling terminal will be donated to Habitat for Humanity – a national organization that builds and finances homes for low income families. The objects – from plumbing to beds and lighting fixtures to counter tops from 140 Marriott hotel rooms at the Davey facility – were gathered by Habitat volunteers and will be sold at the charity's "ReStore."

"The ReStore is here to provide a place where people can

buy home improvement materials at affordable prices, so we appreciate the opportunity to salvage perfectly good plumbing fixtures that otherwise would end up in a landfill," says Larry Salive, the store director.

Though the terminal was outdated, attendees at the Davey ceremony said they would be remiss not to acknowledge what was achieved when the terminal was built nearly 40 years ago.

Vernice Davis Anthony, the chairwoman of the Wayne

County Airport Authority, said the terminal, "Paved the way for six more airlines to move from Willow Run Airport. That pretty much consolidated air-transportation services for the region, here at Detroit Metropolitan Airport. The nature of air travel in today's world – with a heavy emphasis on airline alliances – as well as new passenger and luggage screening criteria makes this terminal obsolete. From the rubble of this demolition, a new terminal will rise."

OPINION

Here's a 'sure' thing

Democrats in Lansing are once again taking a shot at the insurance industry, in hopes of reducing rates and protecting consumers, state wide.

We wish them all the luck in the world.

They'll have plenty of obstacles to overcome with their package of bills designed to reduce rates, add accountability to the industry and protect consumers overall. But, with 20 objectives outlined in their package, they've got a good launching point.

The insurance industry has long been a source of mystery to us. In some ways, the complaints mirror those pushed by suburban officials against the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department in their boggling approach to setting rates for the communities. Where do these rates come from?

In many cases, if you posed that question to a local insurance agent, they wouldn't be able to tell you. They just plug factors into a formula, they say, they have no control over it.

Well it's time for that to stop.

In addition to opening up that rate-setting process for greater public scrutiny, we're particularly pleased with the proposed elimination of the practice of credit scoring, which is used by some companies to set auto and homeowners insurance rates for consumers.

This is a practice that has gone on too long. It probably got started to help protect the industry, itself, with the thought that those who don't pay some of their bills on time are more likely to not pay all of their bills on time. And, when it comes down to buying groceries, keeping the heat on or paying for something as nebulous as insurance coverage, they most likely got the short end of the stick.

The practice, though, has allowed the companies to gouge young drivers – those who don't have established credit – and older drivers on fixed incomes. Sometimes it's dependent on where they live, too, rather than how they drive.

Sure, some of the things called for in the package probably won't see the light of day. The insurance industry has a powerful lobby, after all, and they will undoubtedly not just hand over the keys to the kingdom. The key to any successful negotiation, though, is to ask for more than you expect to receive and then narrow down your objects until only the most crucial parts are left. We think this is a good place to start.

Awards were well deserved

It's one thing to try to convince the public that you're doing a good job with the money you have. It's quite another to hear that from an independent, outside agency.

That's the case with the Wayne-Westland Community School District. The school board listened to a presentation Monday night from its auditing firm, Plante & Moran, that extolled the virtues of their spending and cost-cutting measures. Ironically, it came at a meeting where the business and financial staff received two awards for superior financial practices.

Obviously, this is a group that's doing the best they can with what they have.

Sometimes, when someone who is dependent on state funds – as is the case in our schools – complains about the lack of funding they get, you tend to dismiss it. No matter what pains they may take to explain their situation to taxpayers, it can still come across as someone just looking for more money to spend to solve their problems.

When an independent auditor speaks, though, and verifies as much through financial jargon that is barely decipherable to the rest of us, you can't help but take notice.

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The process should be public

With more than three weeks to go before the Wayne City Council can appoint someone to fill the two remaining years of the term left by Don Hartford, who is moving to Georgia, things are pretty quiet on that front, at least publicly.

If you talk to almost any city council person, they'll tell you that some names have been floated for the appointment. Mayor Al Haidous said no decisions have been made yet, but he liked all of the names he's heard, the people who have expressed interest in the position.

"They're all good people," he said last week.

I don't doubt that.

He said the process will probably pick up steam once the election is over, too. The city charter dictates the timeline with which the council can appoint someone to fill a vacated position; since Hartford announced his resignation less than 90 days before the election, the earliest the council can choose his replacement is the day after the Nov. 8 election.

That's when Haidous said he would start talking with his council colleagues to determine who they can find that the majority of the council can agree on.

I know what he's trying to achieve here; he wants to find someone that will fill the role and be put into place without any controversy – he wants a smooth transition.

In a way it makes sense, too. Nobody wants to be embarrassed in public – particularly if they want to essentially volunteer their time to make the city a better place. City council members get paid, but as far as dollars to workload, it's pretty minimal.

The council has made other appointments in a similar manner in the past – Hartford was one, in fact – but I'm not so sure it's the best idea this time around.

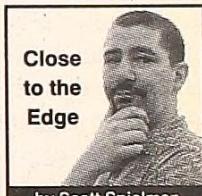
Now, I have to be careful here, because there are many people in Wayne who recognize that I hang out with a younger crowd, many of whom serve on groups like the Wayne 2020 Committee. I've been accused of pushing their agenda and ignoring the old-timers or old guard – however you want to say it. For a while the paper was known as The Hartford Journal, even, although only City Councilman Tom Kelly told me that to my face.

But this isn't really about that. I'm honest when I say I don't really care who is appointed. I like to think I can work with anyone, with the exception of one of our state representatives – and that's more his fault than mine.

When I say I'd like to see a complete list of everyone who's expressed an interest in the two-year appointment, it's not because I want to embarrass anyone or manufacture any strife, either. It's because I think Wayne is at an important place right now; coming off a successful Urban Design Studio, the city is abuzz with plenty of new ideas and enthusiasm. I think it's just as important to know who the city council turned down as it is to know the qualifications of the person they select. That may be the single most telling sign of the direction the city will take in the coming years.

Because in reality, it's not just a two-year

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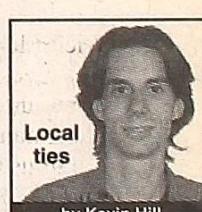
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Less showmanship, more diplomacy

Loud clicking, bad powerpoint and eyes to the floor. Here's looking back at the more interesting moments of the Canton budget season.

It was the first township budget process for Trustees Todd LaJoy and Todd Caccamo (and this reporter). The Todds sit at opposite ends of the dias, and had clearly different attitudes.

At the September budget sessions, LaJoy spoke up intermittently about job advertising, road improvement contingencies and demand for cross-country skiing. He seemed satisfied with the answers he received. Caccamo was skeptical about golf course spending and the Village Theater subsidy.

Caccamo saved his harshest criticism until the end of the study sessions, and again when the budget came to a vote, to highlight the \$123,000 plus that Yack budgeted for himself in 2006.

Caccamo plugged his computer into the township monitor to display a (more or less) surprise powerpoint presentation—the same kind that prompted the board to change the by-laws, asking that such materials be forwarded to Yack's office

before the meetings as a "professional courtesy."

"Our copies get lost in the mail?" asked Yack as he handed the monitor cable to Caccamo.

"No, sir" was the response.

As for the professional courtesy of supplying the presentation beforehand, Caccamo told Yack it wasn't necessary, "since you referred to me as neither professional nor courteous."

The presentation tables were crude, and the labels seemed aimed to chastise more than inform. One represented Yack's salary from 2002 to 2003 rocketing out of the box, with the notation, "Way off the chart, to 12%." For this year's ostensible 8.72 raise, the chart blared, "Off the chart again?!" The slides were complemented by a "Gravy Train" logo with a cross through it.

Yack ignored it, glancing up briefly while shuffling through some papers. Trustee Melissa McLaughlin, who sat next to Caccamo, began tap-

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Legislators propose bills to reform insurance

Scott Spielman
Editor

Members of the state legislature took another stand last week against the rising costs of insurance across the state.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Democrats in the state house and state senate unveiled a reform package that would help keep

costs down and eliminate the practice of using credit scores to determine automobile and home insurance rates. The package of bills also calls for a more open rate-setting process, according to State Rep. Glenn Anderson (D-Westland), a member of the House Committee on Insurance.

"It's one of the top issues, all over the state," Anderson said.

The package contains 20 specific initiatives that will strengthen regulations to bring fair, affordable auto and homeowner insurance to citizens, he said. Auto rates in Michigan are among the top 10 highest in the country, he said, and highest in the Midwest in particular.

The package would require companies to roll back rates by

20 percent, provide flexibility in setting base rates to provide more affordable insurance and prohibit insurance companies from using an individual's credit history or credit score to determine insurance rates.

"It has absolutely no relation to what kind of driver someone is going to be," said Anderson of the use of credit scores. "It's about as

illogical as looking at someone's driving record before approving a loan application."

State Rep. Jim Plakas (D-Garden City) agreed. He has long advocated the removal of the credit score process because it hurts young drivers and senior citizens and is particularly harmful in the blue collar areas he represents, like Inkster.

Diplomacy

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ping furiously at her keyboard the moment he began speaking, the act intended apparently to distract both speaker and audience.

It isn't necessary or prudent for a township beat reporter to editorialize on whether a 2 percent tax cut is too little or if a salary raise is too much. I'm not a Canton taxpayer; I didn't go to Canton schools.

But I'm not out of line to point out behavioral gaffes when so prominently displayed, and I might be grouped with those residents who watch these kinds of meetings somewhat bewildered.

I wasn't around to see the displays in April that flustered the board into the policy change, but it was certainly something else to see board time used doubly to slam the supervisor ("At least Mr. Yack didn't come in above Kwame Kilpatrick!") and extend a campaign. ("Trustee Todd Caccamo" appeared in large type at the foot of each slide.)

If the presentation was solely intended to highlight Yack's perceived salary creep, that's one thing. But it was a political gambit too, and that's discouraging.

Caccamo, a managing partner for a Republican consultant firm, is a bit more savvy politically than he sometimes lets on. The firm, Kush and Associates, has a website that declares proudly: "We made a councilman cry! It only took two press releases. We made a Democrat Party Boss scream and yell! We have the video to prove it! Can your consulting firm do that?"

Just because Caccamo is a part-time trustee doesn't mean he isn't a professional politician. His display at the board meeting proved that much. But might his complaints have more credence if its substance wasn't tainted by the unsubtle and silly jabs. Yes, it takes guts to oppose the board. But is Caccamo up to the bigger challenge: to get his opponents to look him in the eye?

If change is what Caccamo truly wants, it would be more encouraging to see it done by building sincere, mutual respect, not resorting to gimmicks.

At least, in the end, no one cried.

Schools

FROM PAGE 4

The school district – from the administrators to the teachers and support staff and the school board – has done an admirable job saving for the proverbial rainy day. It's through their hard work, in fact, that the amount of money they needed to take from their reserves to balance their budget was almost \$1.5 million less than they anticipated when they approved the budget at the beginning of the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

That's a lot of savings.

They face a number of factors, though, that they cannot control: the state mandates how much they have to contribute to the pension fund. God only knows how much utilities will go up, or health care. At the same time, they're getting fewer and fewer funds, compared to the rate of inflation.

Maybe everyone in the district should listen to the tape or watch the recording of the school board meeting from Monday night. It's justification of what our school officials have said for the past several years.

Process

FROM PAGE 4

appointment. Any incumbent in this town has a huge advantage in the next election. If they want to, they can be making decisions well into the future.

That's why I think the process is more important than the name. Residents deserve the right to know everyone who was considered for the job, not just those that could get the most council votes.

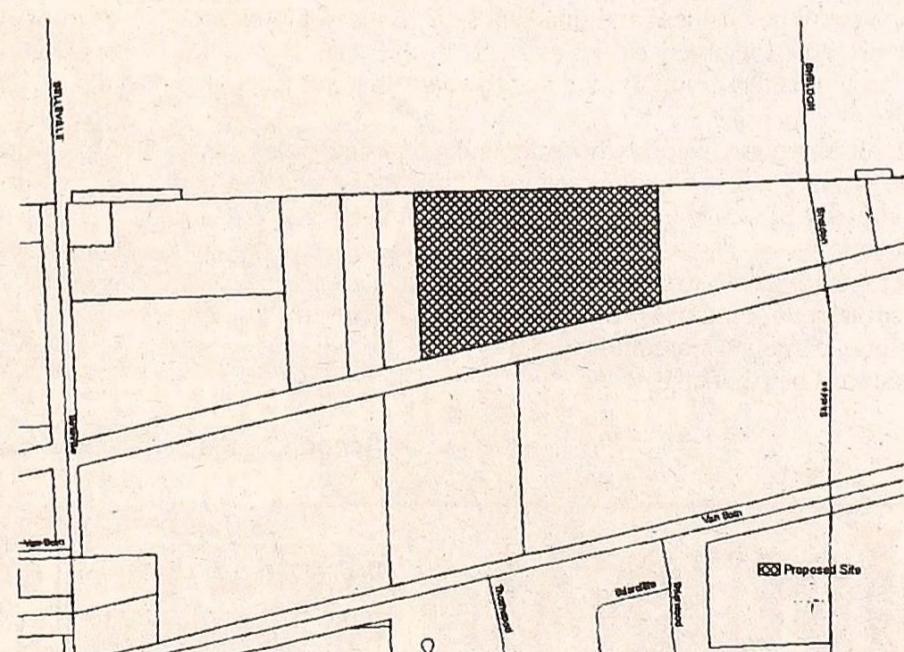
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday October 26, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a zoning change on the following described property:

Parcel numbers V125-83-010-99-0001-000 approximately 12.63 acres proposed to be rezoned from M-1 Light Industrial District to M-2 General Industrial.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



This property is located on the south side of Yost between Belleville and Sheldon Roads.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date of October 26, 2005.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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Each person voting on the above must be:

- A) A citizen of the United States of America
- B) A registered elector of the City of Romulus
- C) Eighteen (18) years of age or older.

The Polling Places will be open for voting from 7:00 a.m., to 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:

1. Wick Elementary School, 36900 Wick Road, Romulus, MI
2. Halcreek School, 16200 Harrison Road, Romulus, MI
3. Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, MI
4. Merriman School, 15303 Merriman Road, Romulus, MI
5. Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI
6. Rudgate Community Building, 7040 Shawnee Dr., Romulus, MI
7. Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior Road, Romulus, MI
8. Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, MI
9. Fire Station #2, 7221 Middlebelt, Romulus, MI
10. Cory School, 35200 Smith Road, Romulus, MI
11. Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior, Romulus, MI
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18. Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI

Public notice is hereby given as provided for in Section 168.653 of the Michigan Election Law, as amended.

Linda R. Choate, CMC,
Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

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Operation Warm to distribute coats to children

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The sad truth is millions of children will go another winter without the daily essentials that most of us rely on, according to Operation Warm, an organization that works to enhance self-esteem of disadvantaged children.

But thanks to the joint venture between the organization, Visteon and the Guidance Center, the children from the Van Buren Public School District will receive the item that is most requested by schools and social service agencies—a new winter coat.

"We're doing this because we wanted to include the school district and the people who live in the community," said Roxanne Brinkerhoff, director of family support ser-

"We're absolutely elated that we're getting the resources for our special needs kids, especially in the winter"

Roxanne Brinkerhoff

vices at the Guidance Center. "We see the need that's there and this is an opportunity to have warm coats this winter. We're very fortunate for this partnership."

More than 467 coats will be distributed to pre-school aged children up to the fifth grade students from 9 a.m. to noon on Nov. 12 at Belleville High School, according to Paul Henning, communications specialist for the Van Buren Public School District.

"We're absolutely elated that we're getting the resources for our special needs

kids, especially in the winter," he said. "A lot of times parents can't afford to buy new coats. We're distributing them in November before it gets really cold out."

According to Operation Warm, for some children, this coat may be the first item of new clothing they have ever received. By keeping children warm, the organization helps build self-confidence and improves self-esteem. When children feel good about themselves, they can arrive to school warm and ready to learn.

Last year, Operation Warm provided more than 57,000 winter coats to disadvantaged children, and this year, they hope to reach 100,000 children.

"This is our first time doing this in Michigan, but it's something we certainly would love to continue if we have the public's support," said Brinkerhoff.

Although coats for this year have already been collected, Brinkerhoff said the agencies are always accepting donations that can be designated to the area in the future.

For more information, to donate or to see if you qualify for the program, contact Operation Warm at 1-800-730-WARM or the Guidance Center at 734-785-7700.

"This is just another way people are pulling together to help the kids," said Henning.

OBITUARIES

EMERSON, Marguerite

Marguerite Elmira Emerson, 89, of Chelsea, formerly of Wayne and Belleville, died Oct. 9.

Among her survivors are her children, Samuel C. (Susan) Emerson of New York, Patricia A. (Robert) Groeschner of Connecticut, William J. (Mary Ann) Emerson of Belleville and Richard R. (Merlinda) Emerson of East Lansing; a sister, Ruth Campana of Marquette; eight grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Emerson retired from the Van Buren schools in 1976 after 20 years as a teacher.

A memorial service took place at the First United Methodist Church in Belleville where Mrs. Emerson was a member and a trustee. Dr. John N. Grenfell III officiated at the service.

Cremation rites were accorded.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

DAWSON, Cornelia

Cornelia Irene Dawson, of Ypsilanti, died Oct. 10.

Among her survivors are her daughter, Nancy F. (Joseph) Popp of Willis; siblings,

Wallace (Jim) Hall and Valter Buck (Frances) Hall, both of Tennessee, Flora Leland of Richland, Frances Howell and Helen (Wayne) Pagel, all of Tennessee; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home and at Oakes and Nichols Funeral Home in Tennessee.

Interment was at Polk Memorial Gardens in Columbia, TN.

CORP, Michael

Michael Benjamin Corp, 53, of St. Ignace, formerly of Westland, died Oct. 8.

Among his survivors are his wife, Doreene Elaine (Cantafalo) Meyers-Corp; children, Michael Corp of North Carolina, Kristyn (James) Wooten of Belleville and Kelly (Andrew) Bertha, also of North Carolina; siblings, Patrick Corp of Hoio, Daniel (Mary) Corp of Livonia, Jed Corp of Ann Arbor, Sharon Toth of Ohio, Terry Corp of St. Ignace and Joan (Frank) Kaiser of New York, and grandchildren, Alyssa, Nicholas and Christopher Wooten and Mya Bertha.

Mr. Corp was a graduate of Cherry Hill High School and the University of Michigan where he earned his bachelor's degree in

business.

A memorial service was at the University of Michigan Chapel in Ann Arbor with the Rev. Tom Burdette officiating.

Cremation rites were accorded.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

SMITT, Nina

Nina J. Smitt, 83, of Romulus, died Oct. 10.

Among her survivors are her husband of 57 years, Robert B. Smitt; sons, William W. (Deborah) Smitt of Clinton Township and Robert W. (Jo Ruth) Smitt of Dundee; sisters, Edith Hedgeth of Missouri and Pauline Barnwell of Florida; six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Community

United Methodist Church with the Rev. William Kren officiating.

Interment was at Romulus Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

FOLEY, Evelyn

Evelyn M. Foley, 92, of Taylor; died Oct. 9.

Among her survivors are her daughters, Shirley (Robert) Powell of Taylor and Karen A. Foley-Glenn of Taylor; two grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home with the Rev. Geoffrey G. Drutchas of St. Paul United Church of Christ, where Mrs. Foley was a member, officiating.

Interment was at West Mound Cemetery in Taylor.

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Junction Subdivision Water Main and Drainage Improvements City of Romulus

Sealed Bids for Junction Subdivision Water Main and Drainage Improvements will be received by City of Romulus until 2:00 pm local time, on October 25, 2005, by Linda Choate located at 11111 S. Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174. The approximate quantities of major items of work involved are as follows:

Approximately 6 miles of 8-inch & 12-inch ductile iron water main replacement and drainage improvements, pavement pulverization and repaving, as well as all necessary surface restoration.

The Contract Documents for this project are on file and may be examined on and after 2:00 pm, October 4, 2005, at the following locations: the office of the ENGINEER, Orchard, Hiltz, & McCliment, Inc., 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150; area offices of McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge Reports, 25330 Telegraph, Suite 350, Southfield, MI 48034; Reed Construction Data, 40000 Grand River, Suite 404, Novi, MI 48375; the Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), 43636 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302-3204; and City of Romulus, 11111 S. Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Copies thereof may be obtained on or after 2:00 pm, local time, October 4, 2005, at the office of the ENGINEER, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

Bid Security in the form of a Bid Bond for a sum no less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Bid will be required with each Bid.

Linda Choate,
Clerk City of Romulus

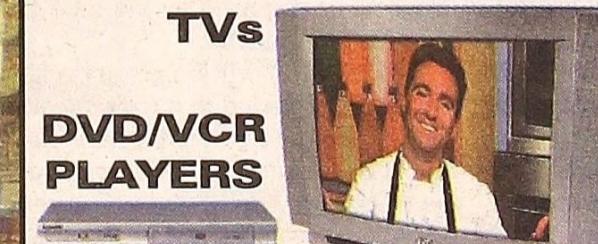
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Ghosts, skeletons, and a comedic crocodile with an attitude put on their dancing shoes to help the Ghoul family save their home in *Halloween Soup*, a non-scary and interactive show at the Marquis Theatre in Northville.

Halloween play promises fun

This Halloween, ghouls stalk the stage and ghosts dance through the audience at the Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville.

There's no need to fear, though—it's all part of a holiday show that won't strike terror in the heart of even the youngest child.

The Marquis Theatre specializes in children's theater, so its latest show, *Halloween Soup*, celebrates the holiday with humor and pratfalls instead of horror stories and shock tactics.

"It's about the Ghoul family, who are about to be evicted from their house by lawyer Fleasom because they can't come up with \$1.75 for the last three years' mortgage," said Patrick O'Reilly, director of the show.

New student test is OK'd

Jason Carmel Davis
Staff Writer

"To compete in a global economy our students must continue their education beyond high school," said Gov. Jennifer Granholm. "To make this expectation a reality, we must give students the tools they need to succeed, including the opportunity to take a college entrance exam."

Granholm has made it clear that she wants college enrollment in the State of Michigan to increase, and beginning with the class of 2008, students will be required to take the American College Test (ACT) and a work skills assessment known as WorkKeys in place of the existing Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) test.

Beginning in the spring of 2007, all Michigan students will take a college entrance exam as part of the state high school assessment tests. And they won't have to pay for it.

Currently high school students who choose to take the ACT must pay about \$70, according to Mike Bender, director of secondary education for the Plymouth-Canton Community School District. By making this exam available to all high school students, at no cost to the student, the state will ensure that every student has the entrance exam completed in order to qualify for admission into a college or university.

The switch to the nationally-recognized college entrance exam implements a key recommendation of the Cherry Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth—which Granholm charged with finding ways to double the number of college graduates in Michigan. The commission found that the use of a college entrance exam as the standard high school assessment in other states

Since they don't have the money they need to keep their home, Granny Ghoul decides that one of the young ladies in the family with have to sacrifice herself and marry the lawyer to end the threat of foreclosure. There's only one problem—Fleasom is already in love with someone else.

Performances of *Halloween Soup* will take place at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22 and 29, at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 23 and 30, and at 7 p.m. on Oct. 28.

Tickets are \$7.50 each and no children less than 3 years old will be admitted. Audience members are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes to the performance. The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 East Main St. in Northville.

actually led to an increase in the number of students who decided to attend college.

In January, Granholm signed an act that required the state to replace the high school MEAP test with a Michigan Merit Exam. The Department of Management and Budget was instructed to contract with a provider to develop, administer and score an exam which measured English language arts, mathematics, reading, social studies, and science and would be accepted by colleges and universities for entrance and placement purposes. Pearson Educational Measurement and its partner, ACT, were awarded the competitively-bid contract. The new assessments will need approval from the U.S. Department of Education to be used to determine Adequate Yearly Progress as required by the federal No Child Left Behind law.

The new test will be given on a common two-day period in the spring of each year, with one day for the ACT, Bender said. The other day will be reserved for the WorkKeys test and the assessments of the four areas the test will cover. A two-day retest period will occur two weeks later. The spring tests will be administered in schools exactly as the college entrance tests are administered in a national Saturday administration. The state will pay for one retest for each student, even though ACT offers a fee-waiver program for qualified low-income students.

Bender said he thinks the change is a good idea.

"The governor has made it clear that she wants more kids in universities," Bender said. "I think the change will help put more kids on the path to college, and it will put them in better positions to get into schools that some kids might not have the chance to go to."

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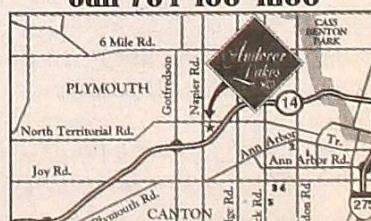
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Vikes hold off Eagles, earn playoff spot

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Some games are bigger than life – like the Inkster-Romulus gridiron match-up this past Saturday.

The game was huge on many levels for Inkster. First, it was homecoming. And secondly, it was a game that, if won, would secure them a spot in the state championship playoffs. Inkster won the game, 8-6, but it wasn't easy.

Emotions ran high as the two teams took to the Inkster field on the sunny Saturday afternoon.

A defensive battle ensued, leaving the first 42 minutes scoreless. But midway through the final quarter, the Inkster offense got things done. At about the six-minute mark, Inkster quarterback Andre Goree connected with Alphonso Lewis for a 4-yard touchdown reception. Goree punched in the two-point conver-

sion on a keeper to give his Vikings an 8-0 lead.

The drive started on the Romulus 22-yard line after Rico McCoy recovered a Romulus fumble. Running back Troy Singleton broke a run to the Eagles' 3 before he was taken down. Then Inkster had two false start penalties called that moved them back to the 13-yard line. On first-and-goal from the 13, Goree made up for nine of the penalized yards on a scramble, landing the Vikings on the four yard line. Two plays later, he connected with Lewis for the score.

Romulus was far from being out of the game.

On their final possession, they marched down the field and capped off a nine-play drive with a touchdown strike from Larry Horne to Antonio Bailey. The two-point conversion attempt failed and the Eagles trailed, 8-6, with about 1:25 left in the game.

Romulus attempted an onside



Inkster's Darius Tyler attempts a run against Romulus' tough defense in the Vikings' 8-6 homecoming victory last Saturday.

kick but the ball didn't go the required 10 yards. Inkster took over at midfield and ran the clock out for the victory.

"I thought our kids played hard the whole game," said Inkster Coach Greg Carter. "We didn't necessarily play smart the first half – we didn't protect the ball – but we played great. There was a lot of intensity and a lot of enthusiasm and our defense played great for four quarters. You can't ask anything more than

that from them."

Romulus had some early breaks in the first half with a back-to-back fumble recovery and interception, but the offense couldn't capitalize on either turnover. The Eagles' offense turned it over on downs on both possessions.

"We thought that if we could cause some turnovers we could get some momentum going with a score," said Romulus Coach Wade Cook. "But what happens

when you face a good coach like Carter, who can identify your weakness and take advantage of it. That's what he did. He put nine men on the line against our young inexperienced quarterback, who had trouble handling the ball."

Inkster also had a couple muffed snaps and several penalties that moved them out of scoring range in the first half. They

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Lady 'Stangs top Wayne

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It took two ambulances and three hospitalized players before the game was decided between Northville and Wayne in last Thursday's hardwood contest.

The Northville Lady Mustangs raced to a 55-28 road victory against the Lady Zebras. Unfortunately for Wayne, they lost more than the game. They lost three starters to injury that night.

First, junior Kellie Newsted went to the floor after twisting her knee. The injury sidelined her immediately but she was later taken to the hospital as a precaution, according to Wayne Coach Kris Barrett. Newsted could miss up to 10 days.

Then senior Carrie Lawbernd attempted to snag an offensive rebound when she got tangled up with a Northville player and landed hard on the floor. After she spent several minutes on the floor an ambulance was called and she was taken away on a stretcher to a nearby hospital. Barrett said there was no serious injury to Lawbernd's neck or back, but she could be out 10-14 days as a precaution.

And in the final quarter one of Waynes' top scorers, sophomore Trenia Barbee, made a spectacular athletic move to steal the ball from a Northville player but her knee buckled afterward, sending her to the ground. Another ambulance was called and she was carried out and taken to a



The Northville Lady Mustangs ran past the injury-plagued Wayne Zebras last Thursday with a 55-28 victory.

hospital. Barrett said Barbee possibly had some damage to her ligaments and could miss the rest of the season. She added that they may know more after the swelling goes down.

Soon after that, with only a couple of minutes left in the fourth, the game was called with Northville leading, 55-28.

"It will take a lot of determination to move beyond this," Barrett said. "Hopefully this will bring the girls closer together. I think we have a chance. I always think that we have a chance."

The game was far from being a physical one.

"I don't think anyone has ever

accused Northville girls of being too physical," said Northville Coach Pete Wright.

Northville actually had a nice rhythm going, offensively and defensively. The Lady 'Stangs scored the first 13 points of the game with a majority of them coming off of the team's 18 total steals in the game. Junior Daniel Toney scored eight of those points.

Bianca Evans put an end to Northville's run when she knocked in Wayne's first field goal nearly midway through the first. Northville then outscored

Northville kicker carries Mustangs past John Glenn Rockets

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It's not too often a kicker is touted as the star of a high school football game.

But Northville senior Evan Corbeil nailed three field goals and an extra point in the Mustangs' 16-12 victory against the John Glenn Rockets last Friday night to earn that rare right.

In the final minutes of the game, he nailed a 32-yarder to put the game away, 16-12. The three-pointer came just minutes after he grabbed a 75-yard pass as a wide receiver to get them in range.

He was also the first player to put points on the board in the contest.

At about the 6:25 mark of the first quarter, he booted a 24-yard field goal to give the 'Stangs a 3-0 lead.

The lead didn't last.

Glenn's Blaire McCormick found pay dirt from three yards out at about the 9:20 mark of the second. The extra point attempt was no good but Glenn moved ahead, 6-3. About three minutes later Northville's junior quarterback Mike DeLuca dove into the end zone for a score. Corbeil added the extra point, making it 10-6.

We stalled on a couple of drives and then we gave it back to them. They made a big play at the end but we held them to a field goal.

Todd DeLuca

The Rockets regained the lead, 12-10, in the third with a TD from Jonathan Hankins. The two-point attempt failed.

Then Corbeil shot his second one through the uprights late in the third. The 13-yard boot put the Mustangs back on top for good, 13-12. His final kick, with about a minute left in the game, put the game away, 16-12.

"We struggled getting the ball in," said Northville Coach Ryan Hockman. "I think we had the ball inside their 10-yard line about five times. But our senior kicker came through. I thought we executed our game plan."

DeLuca 9-of-14 passing for 201 yards for Northville. Junior running back Ditrick Williams rushed 110 yards on 24 carries.

Mccormick finished rushed 28 times for 112 yards for Glenn.

"I thought we moved the ball pretty good," said Glenn Coach Todd DeLuca. "We stalled on a couple of drives and then we gave it back to them. They made a big play at the end but we held them to a field goal."

"On offense, we kept shooting ourselves in the foot," he added. "There were times we would get down the field but then we would

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Hoops - Mustangs defeat injured Zebras, Franklin Patriots

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the Zebras 10-5 the rest of the way.

Northville was defensively sound as they limited Wayne to just two points in the second quarter. They also added 17 more points to their lead and made it a 40-9 game at the half.

Amidst the injuries, Northville added 11 to their total to Wayne's eight for a 51-17 lead. In the fourth, Wayne outscored Northville, 11-4, before the game was called at 55-28.

Barbee valiantly scored 13 points to lead Wayne before her injury.

Danielle Toney knocked down 15 points for Northville. Senior Simone Toney added 11 and junior Jessica Boerger chipped in with eight.

Boerger was recently brought up from the junior varsity team four games ago, according to Wright.

"She's come a long way," he

I knew Franklin was pretty good going into it. Our biggest problem defensively was we didn't play the trap real well. They kept getting the ball to their center, Trisha Morril, who scored 23 points.

said. "She's something we needed on the team. She's really worked hard on her individual game so we brought her up to help."

Northville 51, Franklin 43

Two days earlier, the Lady 'Stangs defeated Livonia Franklin, 51-43.

Simone Toney led in the effort with 18 points. Daniel Toney added 10 and Lindsey Blair, eight.

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good going into it," Wright said. "Our biggest problem defensively was we didn't play the trap real well. They kept getting the ball to their center, Trisha Morril, who scored 23 points."

Franklin took a 21-19 lead at the half, but after the break the Northville offense found a spark and scored 20 points to take a 39-31 lead at the end of three frames.

Each team scored 12 in the final session, giving Northville the 51-43 win.

The two victories last week brought Northville's overall record to 9-4 and 5-1 in the conference.

They have a tough week this week, though. They hosted Canton, who is undefeated in the conference, on Tuesday but the results were unavailable at press time. They face an equally tough Salem team in a road contest at 7 p.m. today.

Wayne heads to Walled Lake Central at 7 p.m. today.

Mustangs - Corbeil hits 3 field goals in Northville victory

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shoot ourselves in the foot with a penalty or dropped pass. It was one thing or another."

This was the second time these two teams have met this season. In week two, Glenn came from behind and pulled out a 22-15 victory.

A lot has changed since then, according to Hockman, who said his team had four fumbles and an interception in the first meeting.

"We secured the ball this time and didn't make any turnovers," he said. "Our defense made stops where we needed stops and they got it done. I think since the first time we played we learned how to finish a game; how to win a football game."

It's a one-game season now. I know we're going to get the best from Wayne and we're going to give them our best. I will be a lot of fun.

Todd Deluca

Both teams are at 2-6 overall and are out of playoff contention, but they both teams have huge games this Friday night.

Northville heads to neighboring rival Novi for a 7 p.m. kick off.

Glenn has the traditional season finale City Championship game against

the Zebras in Wayne.

This is actually the first time in about 25 years that both Wayne and Westland have had losing records going into the championship game, according to Deluca.

Wayne, considered the underdog, won the championship last year—the first time in about 10 years.

"It's a one-game season now," Deluca said. "I know we're going to get the best from Wayne and we're going to give them our best. It will be a lot of fun."

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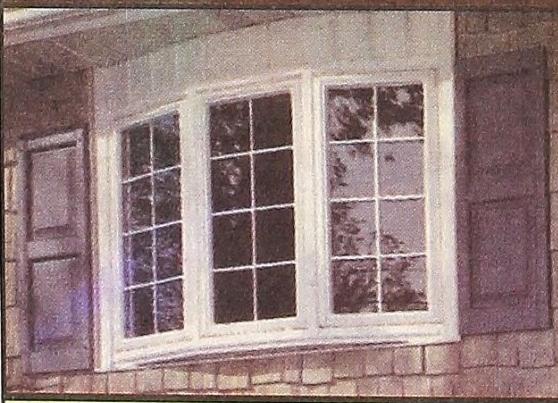
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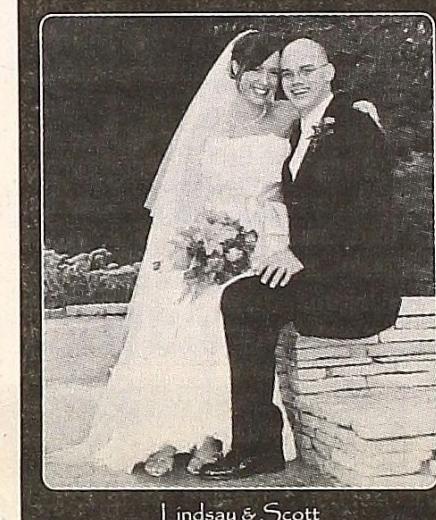
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Sarah Stern makes a break in Northville's victory against Wayne Memorial last week.

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Belleville wins 2, Romulus continues to slide

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Belleville Lady Tigers boosted their hardwood record to 5-4 overall, 3-1 in the Mega Red, with two big victories last week.

On the losing end of the deal were Romulus and Wyandotte—two notably tough teams.

Romulus has averaged about 20 turnovers a game, according to Romulus Coach Candice Finley. Their troubles continued when they hosted the Tigers last Tuesday. Belleville held off a second half run by the Eagles to secure a 52-47 victory.

"I think the girls are trying so hard not to turn the ball over that they are, instead of just playing basketball," she said.

Romulus also has a history of starting out slow, which they did against Belleville; they only scored six points in the first quarter. Belleville, also known for slow starts, got on track quick with 15 points in the opening eight minutes.

"We just played good defense from the start," said Belleville Coach Kevin Edwards. "Our shots were falling and that definitely helped. We've been concentrating on defense lately and that has helped our offense out."

Romulus protected the ball better in the second quarter and narrowed Belleville's lead to four points, 26-24, at the half. Romulus' offense continued to run in the third where they knotted the score at 36 with eight minutes

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Coach Kevin Edwards

left to play.

The fourth was a back and forth affair.

Belleville shooting remained consistent in the final frame as they knocked down 16 points to Romulus' 11.

It was enough for the victory.

Junior Taylor Manley led the Tiger offense with 22 points. She also grabbed eight rebounds and made six assists. Courtney Holland nabbed 10 rebounds with her six points.

Landria Buckley led Romulus with 14 points.

"It came down to a couple of turnovers and a couple of free throws," Finley said. "But I told the girls it's not what happens at the end of the game that determines the outcome—it's all the little things that happens during the entire game."

Romulus continued their woes on the road this past Thursday when they turned the ball over 30 times in a 61-34 loss at Southgate.

"One word describes the game: turnovers," Finley

said. "Southgate is a good team and you can't give them the ball and give them easy baskets because they'll take advantage of it."

Southgate took advantage and jumped to a 35-11 half-time lead. It was a hole that Eagles couldn't dig themselves out of.

Senior guard Amanda Collins led the team with nine points.

To make matters worse, Southgate was the start of a five-game road trip for the Eagles—a road that could have several bumps along the way. They face Lincoln Park, Ypsilanti, Wyandotte and finish with Inkster. On their return home they host Monroe, a team that beat them, 79-55.

Belleville 41, Wyandotte 33

Belleville, on the other hand, pushed past Wyandotte with a 41-33 victory last Thursday.

Junior Danica Holmes led the team with 14 points. Manley only made one field goal in the contest but ended the night with 11 points, going 9-for-10 from the line.

Edwards said Wyandotte double and triple teamed her all night.

The game was tied at 11 after the first and Wyandotte took a four-point lead, 19-15, at the half. Belleville battled back, winning the third quarter, 12-7. They kept up the flow in the fourth to put the game away, 41-33.

Belleville will really be put to the test this week with contests against Monroe and Southgate.

Vikings

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were all mistakes that Carter fixed in the locker room at half time.

"We reminded the kids that Romulus did-

n't stop us—we had stopped ourselves," he said about the half time talk. "We made numerous mistakes on offense. We fumbled; jumped offside; we did everything we could. We figured if we could eliminate those mistakes we could score in the second half. We have to minimize some of those mistakes in order to make it far into the playoffs."

Goree finished the day 4-for-12 for 46 yards in the air and 67 yards on the run. Troy Singleton rushed for 78 yards on 15 tries and McCoy gained 62 yards on 10 carries.

On defense, Slon Gibson, Ryan Bivings and Chris Adams all recorded sacks.

The victory boosted Inkster's record to 6-2 with one game left at Grosse Ile at 7 p.m.

tomorrow.

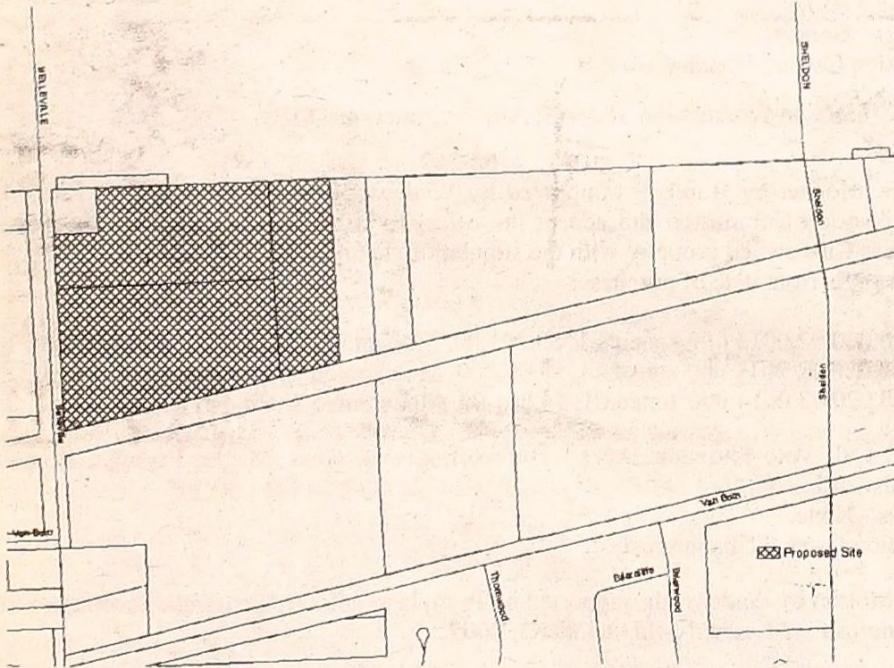
"We want to keep our momentum going," Carter said. "You never want to go in to the playoffs backing in. We want to play football deep into November. Just because we're in the playoffs doesn't make it a done deal. We want to win this thing and I think we have the capabilities."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday October 26, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a zoning change on the following described property:

Parcel numbers V125-83-010-99-0007-000, V125-83-010-99-0008-000 & V125-83-99-0010-000 approximately 21.23 acres proposed to be rezoned from M-1 Light Industrial District to M-2 General Industrial.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



This property is located on the east side of Belleville Road between Yost and Van Buren Roads.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date of October 26, 2005.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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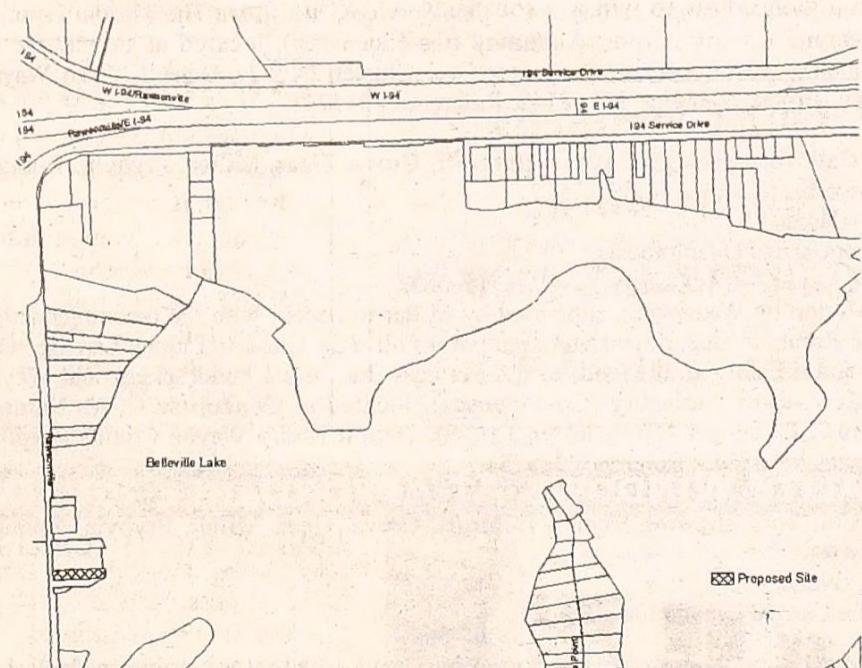
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The Public Hearing relates to the following described property:

Parcel with the tax ID number V125-83-075-99-0003-000, or more commonly known as 2459 Rawsonville Road.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The applicant is requesting Planning Commission approval to construct a pole barn with area that exceeds the maximum permitted by the Township Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-92, as amended by 126 square feet.

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Canton wins 2 on Wayne-Westland circuit

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Canton hoopsters hit the Wayne-Westland circuit last week and walked away with two victories.

First up was an away game at Wayne, where Canton's offense trounced the Zebras, 63-33.

Canton routed Wayne 21-1 in the first quarter. With a tremendous lead they never looked back. Wayne's offense came around some in the second frame, lead by LaDwan Jones and Trenia Barbee, who

led the team with 14 and 13 points respectively.

Canton had four players in double figures.

Junior guard Ja'nee Morton led Canton scorers with 17 points and seven rebounds. Junior guard Becci Houdek nailed 15 points and had save assists and eight steals. Sophomore center Marie Martin made her mark with a double-double—11 points and 10 rebounds—while senior forward Leslie Olech added 10 points.

"We wanted to get off to a good start as we always do in the first quarter," said

Canton Coach Brian Samulski. "I think we rushed some things in the second quarter and we had to adjust a little bit to Jones' and Barbee's athletic ability."

Canton 35, John Glenn 23

Canton hosted Westland John Glenn on Thursday and defeated them, 35-23.

Glenn kept pace with the Chiefs in the first. The score was knotted 7-7 after the first eight minutes. The Chiefs' defense tightened up in the second, holding the Rockets to just one point. Their offense scored 12 to make it a 19-8 game at the intermission.

Then Canton outscored Glenn 16-15 in the second half to sew up the win.

Houdek led the squad with 11 points and 10 rebounds and just missed a triple-double with eight assists. Olech knocked down 11 points.

Senior center Jennifer Swartz scored eight for Glenn.

The wins last week brought the Chiefs up to 11-2 overall. They remain undefeated in the conference play, 7-0.

Canton heads to Plymouth; Glenn hosts Walled Lake Western; and Wayne heads to Walled Lake Central at 7 p.m. today.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD OCTOBER 3, 2005 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.

Present: LeRoy Burcroff, William Crova, Charles Miller, Randolph Gear, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Alan Lambert, Mayor

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

Pamela Morrison-Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Prybyla to approve the agenda as amended*.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-360

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held September 26, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-361

3A. Motion by Crova, supported by Miller to concur with the recommendation of the Romulus Police Department and approve a Full-Year Class C Liquor License with sales and official permit (food) to CA One Services, Inc., d/b/a Detroit 500, and Wayne County Airport Authority (Co-Licensees), located at Concourse, C McNamara West Terminal, Passenger Gate Cluster 4 (C-4), Detroit Metro Wayne County Airport, Romulus, MI 48142; Reference #315740

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-362

3B. Motion by Miller, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the recommendation of the Romulus Department and approve a Full-Year Class C Liquor License with sales and official permit (food) to CA One Services, Inc., d/b/a The Martini Lounge, and Wayne County Airport Authority (Co-Licensees), located at Concourse C, McNamara West Terminal, Passenger Gate Cluster 2 (C-2), Detroit Metro Wayne County Airport, Romulus, MI 48142; Reference #315747.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-363

3C. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to concur with the recommendation of the Romulus Department and approve a Full-Year Class C Liquor License with sales and official permit (food) to CA Services, Inc., d/b/a Fuddruckers, and Wayne County Airport Authority (Co-Licenses), located at Concourse C, McNamara Terminal, Passenger Gate Cluster 3 (C-3), Detroit Metro Wayne County Airport, Romulus, MI 48242; Reference 315751.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-364

4A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to adopt a resolution declaring October as National Breast Cancer Month.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-365

4B. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the recommendation of Julie Albert, City Assessor, and adopt a resolution authorizing the City to proceed with the special assessment for the proposed street lighting in the Fairways at Gateway Subdivision #2, and direct the City Assessor to prepare a special assessment roll.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Romak, supported by Prybyla to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-366

5A. Motion by Miller, supported by Crova to concur with the administration and adopt a resolution as recommended for the Merriman Road Enhancement Project - Wayne County Permit whereby the City agrees to:

- a. Maintain the permitted sidewalk, landscaping, and sign installation at no expense to Wayne County.
- b. Indemnify and hold harmless Wayne County and its employees against all claims, suits, and judgments of every name and description arising out of the operation covered by the permit or issuance of permit.
- c. Authorize a designated City official to sign the permit on behalf of the City.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-367

5B. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Romak to concur with the Economic Development Director, Tim Keyes, and award the Saterlee Dump - Construction Contract to the lowest bidder, Ryan, Inc., at a total bid price of \$1,659,901.00

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-368

6A1. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to forward a communication to Senator Basharm and Representative Hopgood, requesting their support in restoring full funding to the Fire Fighter Training Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-369

6A2. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to forward a communication to Senator Basharm and Representative Hopgood, requesting their support in restoring full funding to the Fire Fighter Training Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-370

6A3. Motion by Burcroff supported by Wadsworth to concur with the Property Disposition Committee and accept the offers to purchase the following parcels of excess City owned property with the stipulation that no rezoning will be requested for five years from date of purchase:

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c. 80 020 03 0014 000 zoned 01, \$4,001.00, Mohammed Ti Prodhan, Purchaser.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-371

11. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held October 3, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held October 3, 2005.

Linda Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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 1FAFP47V81F242313

1997 Ford
 2FMDA5142VBC99649

1988 Ford
 1FTCR14T0JPB78433

1994 Ford
 1FTCR10A9RPPB70346

1988 Oldsmobile
 1G3EZ11C6JU312487

1993 Ford
 1FMCA11UXPZ007685

1996 Ford
 1FALP6537TK189436

1994 Ford
 3FARP13J3RR128023

1994 Dodge
 1B3AP24D8RN136273

1996 Chevrolet
 2G1WN52M0T9165106

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1985 Buick
 1G4EZ57Y6FE427579

1988 Mercedes Benz
 WDBDA29D5JF451146

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1986 Chevy Caprice
4 Dr Maroon
1G1BN69Z4G9129596

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4 Dr Black
1FALP52U8VG235935

1993 Buick Regal
2 Dr Blue
2G4WF14L2P1460368

1981 Pontiac Gr. Am
2 Dr Red
1G2AK37A2BP623133

1992 Ford T-Bird
2 Dr Red
1FAPP60T9NH145477

1998 Saturn SL-2
4 Dr Blue
1G8ZK5276WZ299016

1993 Ford Taurus
4 Dr Purple
1FACPF5344PG330512

1990 Olds Cutlass
4 Dr White
1G3AL54R4L6335183

1997 Ford Taurus
4 Dr White
1FALP52U5VG220759

1992 Chevy Lumina
4 Dr Tan
2G1WN54TXN9221298

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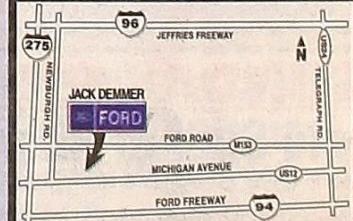
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